

# **BIG PICTURE IMPACTS OF BROWNFIELDS AND CONTAMINATED SITES**

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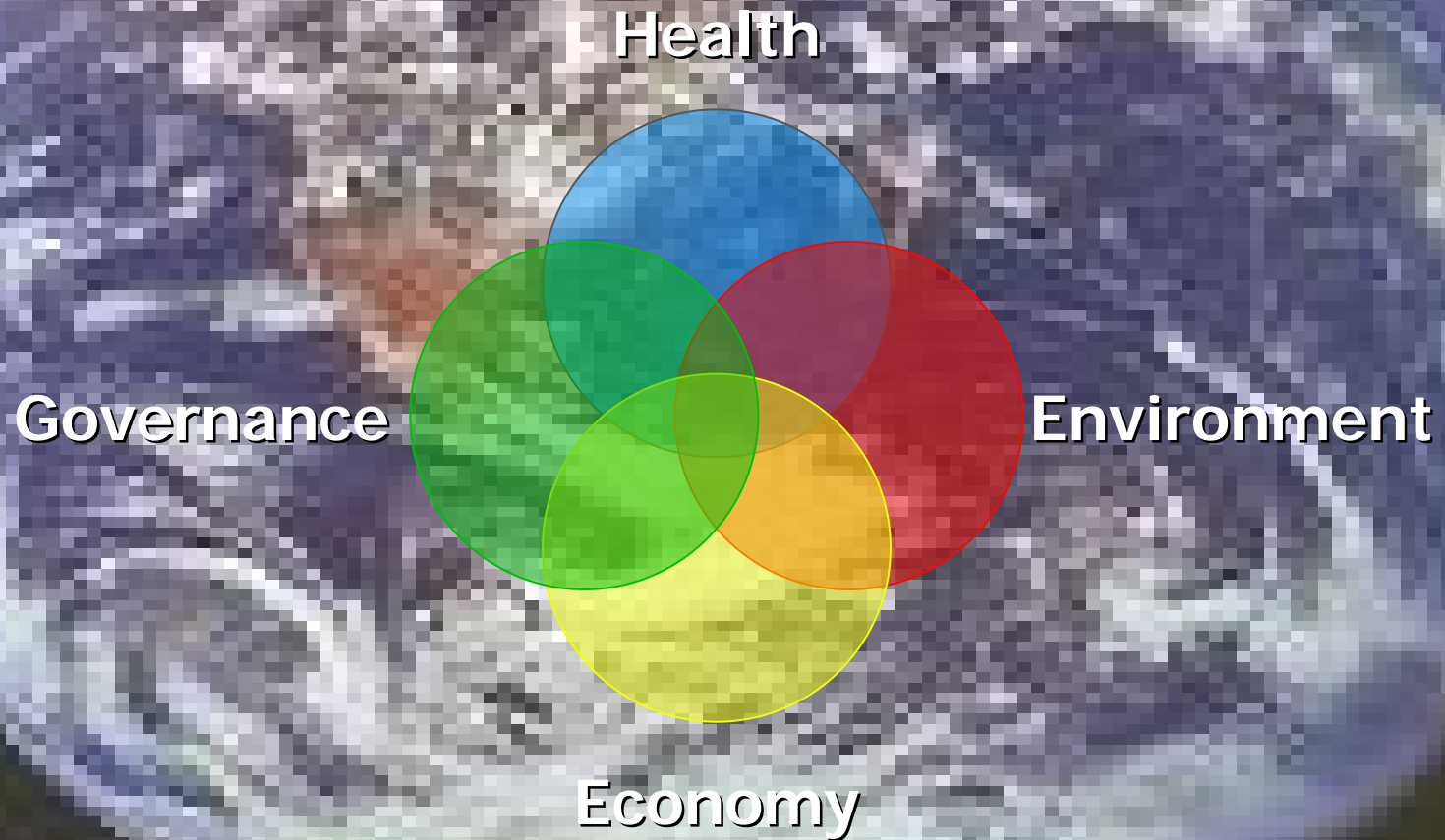
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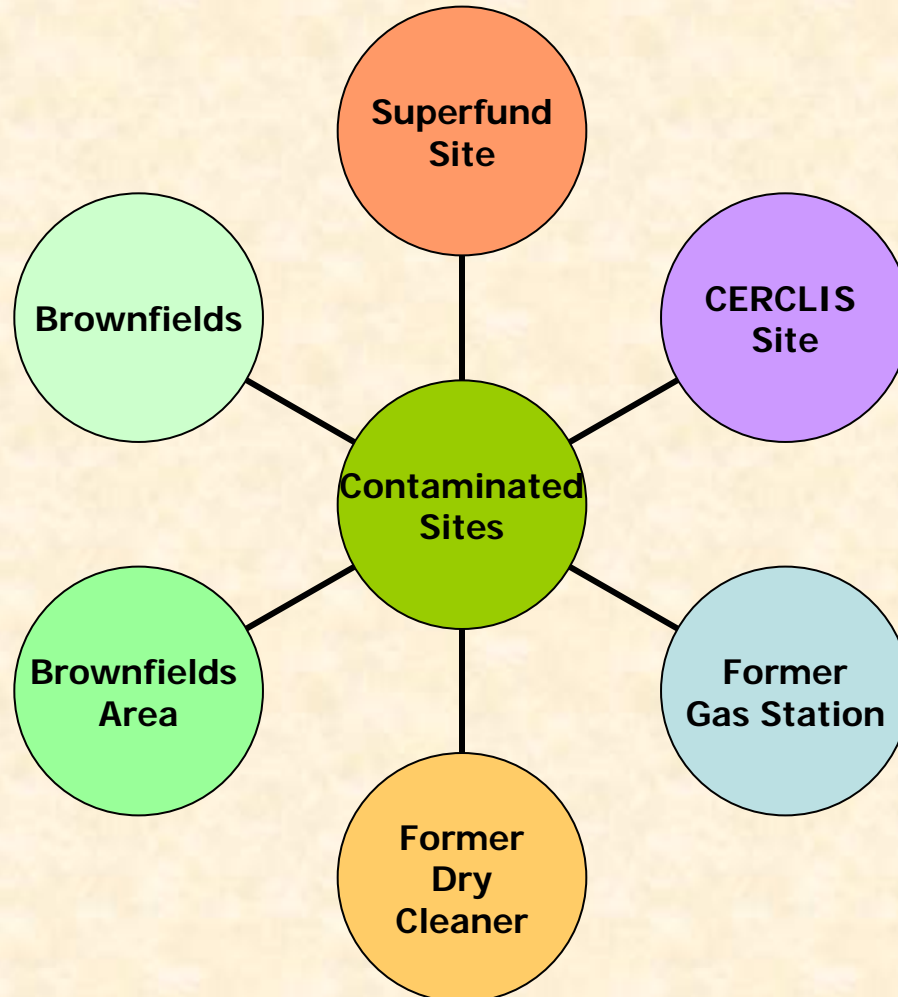
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# Brownfields, Contaminated Sites and Community Revitalization

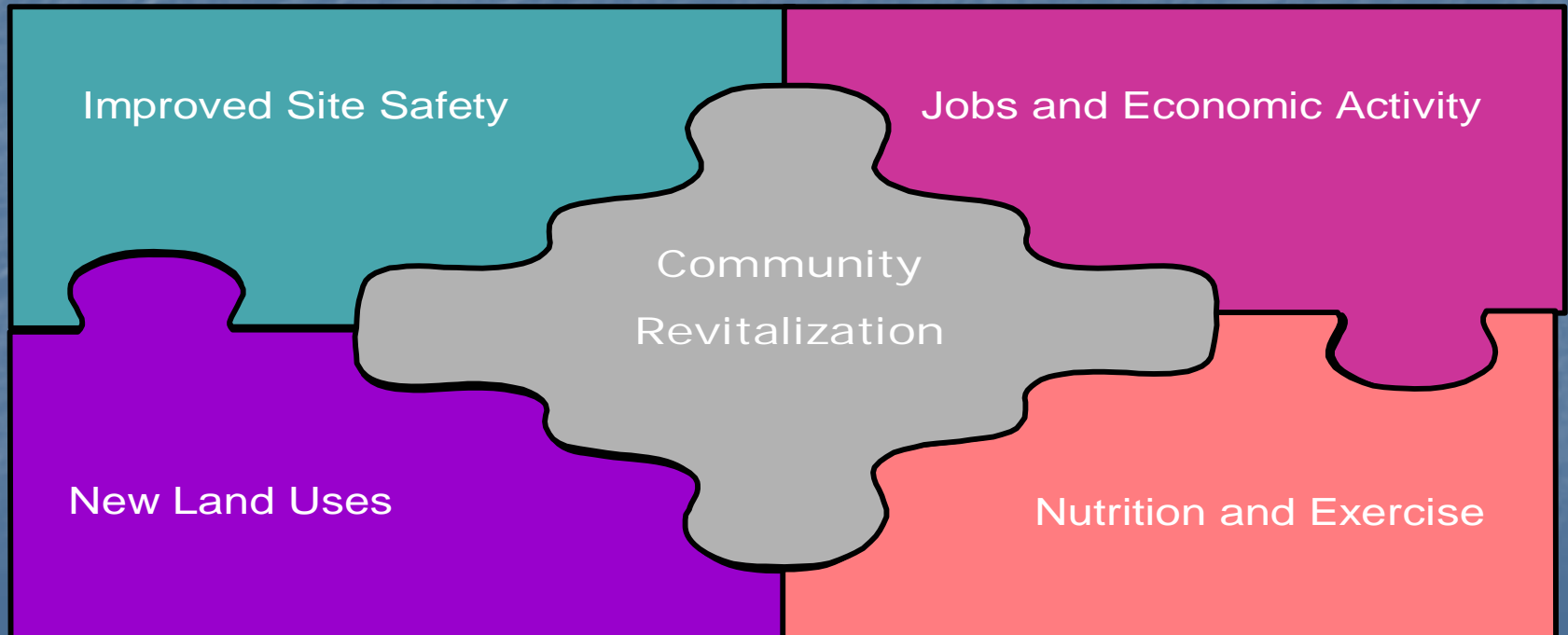


# Terms You Need to Know:

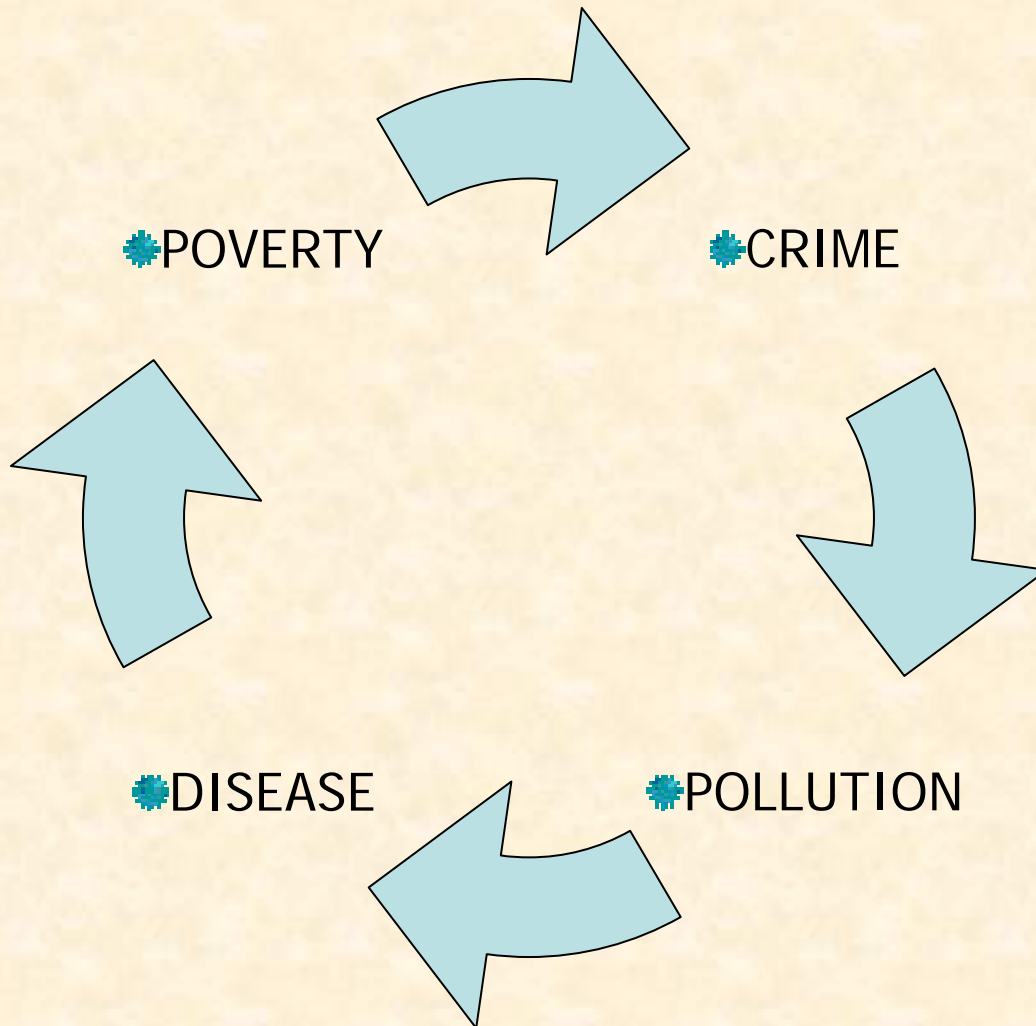
## **Types of Sites**



# Brownfields Redevelopment



# How Do Brownfields & Contaminated Sites Relate to Community Revitalization?



# Risks to Community Health from Brownfields and Contaminated Sites

## ✿ Environmental

- ✿ soil, surface and groundwater contamination

## ➤ Safety

- ✿ abandoned/derelict buildings
- ✿ vandalism & vagrancy

## ✿ Health

- ✿ Lack of access to health care
- ✿ Lack of disease prevention

## ✿ Social & Economic

- ✿ reduced social capital
- ✿ reduced governmental tax base

# How Does Community Revitalization Benefit from Brownfields Redevelopment

## ➡ Environmental

- ➡ Cleaning up contamination
- ➡ Implementing institutional & engineering controls

## ➡ Safety

- ➡ Demolishing abandoned buildings
- ➡ Closing open pits

## ➡ Economic

- ➡ Creates jobs & provides job training
- ➡ Increases tax revenue
- ➡ Enhances property values



# How Does Community Revitalization Benefit from Brownfields Redevelopment

## ➡ Reduces disease disparities & promotes health

➡ Increases recreational or green spaces to encourage physical activity and reduce obesity

➡ Provides health care facilities

➡ primary, dental, mental, optometric, pediatric

➡ Builds tax base to support services that promote health (e.g. immunizations)

➡ Supports other health needs (e.g. pharmacies)

➡ Provides opportunity for evaluation





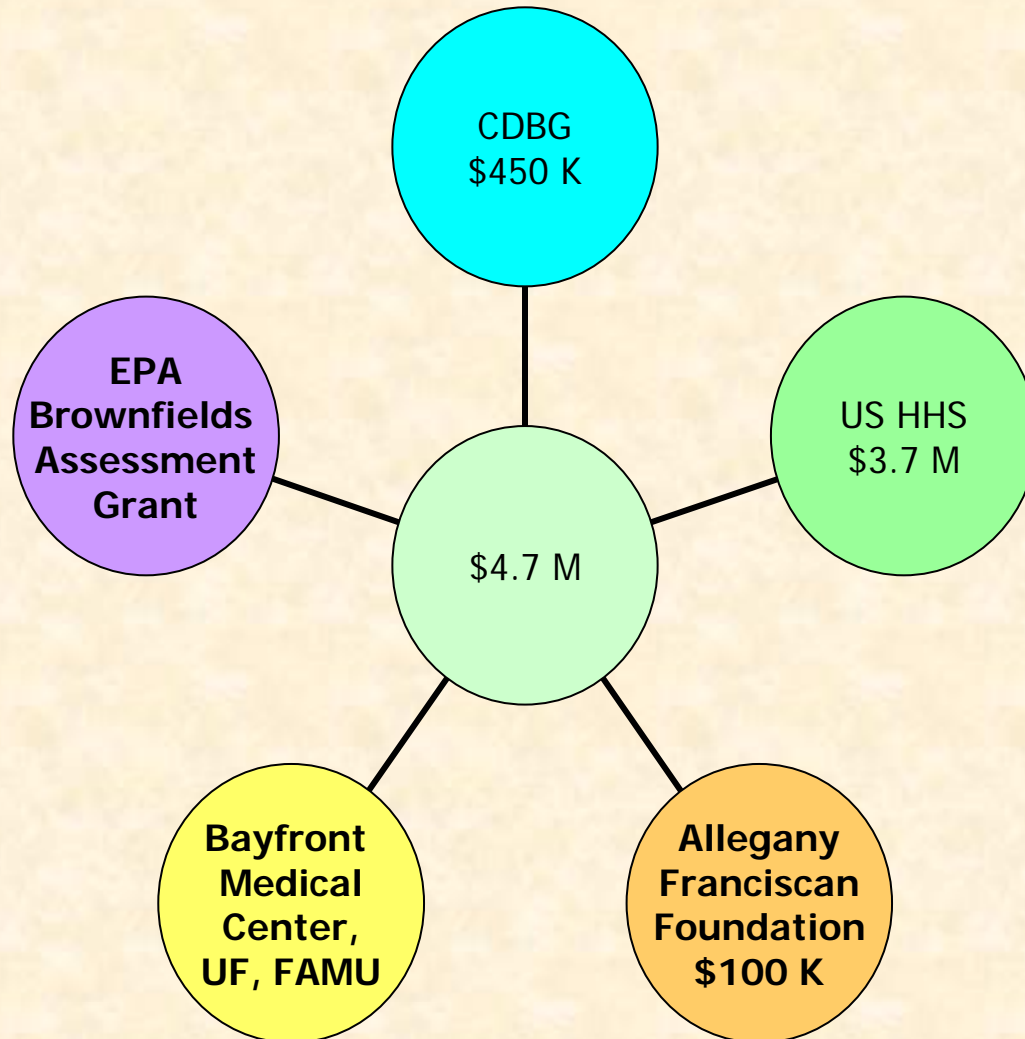
# **SUCCESS STORY:**

Old Mercy Hospital- A Forgotten Asset



# Where'd the money come from???

## Resources Leveraged from Brownfields Grants





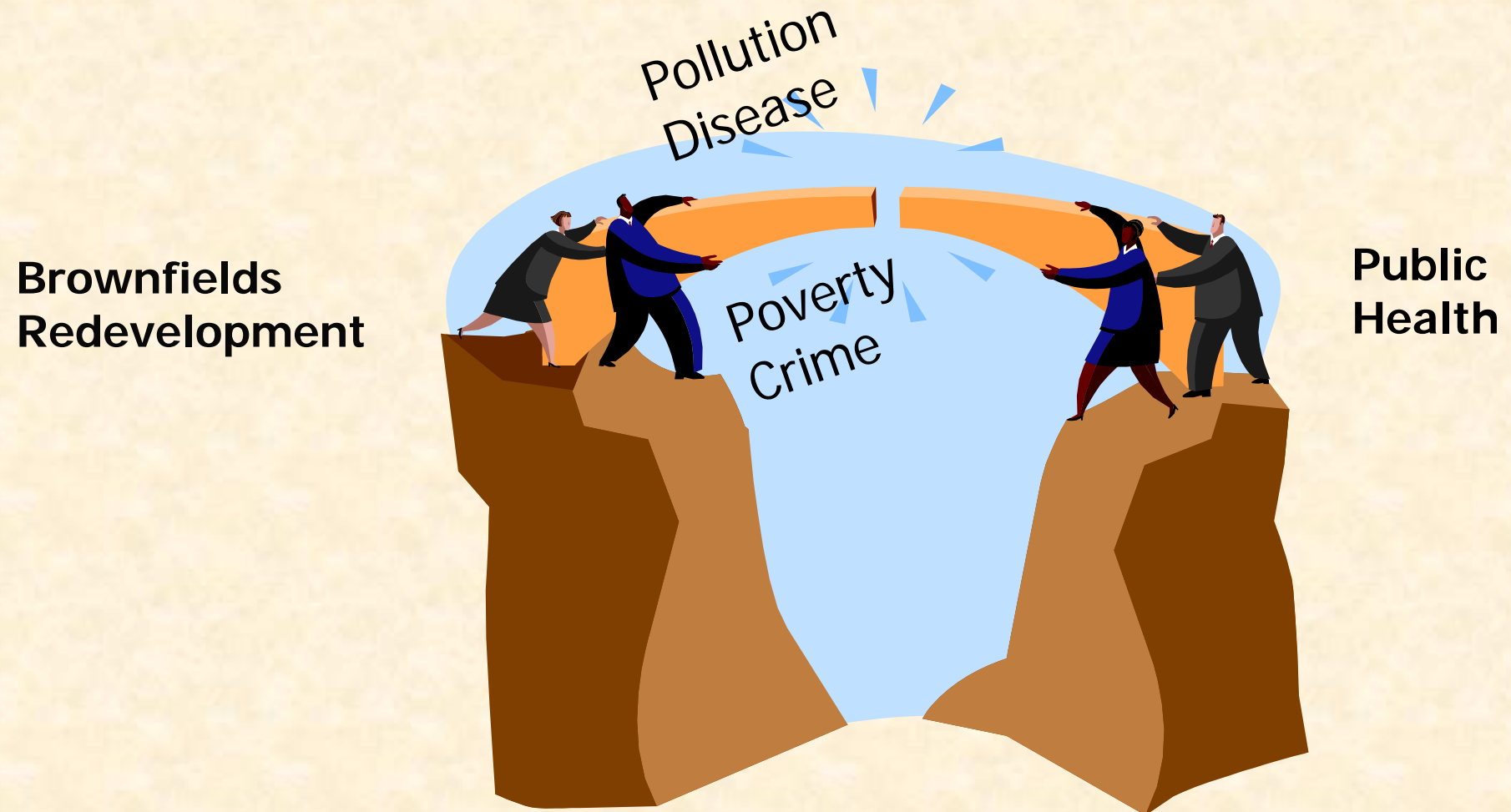


# Community Benefits



- Health services provided to 300 people daily
- Center has over 100 employees
- Project was a catalyst to stimulate new private sector investments (e.g. grocery)
- Supports historical & cultural appreciation and recharged community pride

# New Model for Community Revitalization



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- Spotlight challenges
  - Leverage opportunities & resources
  - Produce tangible community benefits
  - Ensure sustainable communities